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Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Provisional agenda

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Annotations

1. Election of officers

At its twenty-fifth session, the Committee for Programme and Coordination reaffirmed the decision made at its twenty-fourth session that the post of its Chairman, as well as the other posts on the Bureau, should rotate annually among the regional groups in the following pattern of rotation for the post of Chairman: (a) Group of African States; (b) Group of Eastern European States; (c) Group of Latin American and the Caribbean States; (d) Group of Western European and other States; and (e) Group of Asian States.

At its forty-fifth session, the Committee may wish to elect the Chairman from the Group of Eastern European States in accordance with the agreed pattern of rotation for the post of Chairman, and the Rapporteur from the regional group that had occupied the post of Chairman the previous year, namely the Group of African States.

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Pursuant to paragraph 2 (e) of Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/41 and paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 34/50, the Committee submitted to the Council and the Assembly for their review the provisional agenda for its forty-fifth session, together with the list of documentation requested.

In accordance with paragraph 6 of the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX), and General Assembly resolution 59/267, the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) concerning the economic, social and human rights programmes of the United Nations system, including the reports dealing with the United Nations Development Programme, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, shall be examined by the Committee, which shall report thereon to the Council and the Assembly. In that connection, the Committee will select, at its organization meeting, under agenda item 2, the JIU report(s) that will be considered by the Committee at its forty-fifth session under agenda item 6.

The General Assembly invited the Committee, in performing its programmatic, coordination, monitoring and evaluation functions, as contained in its mandate, to consider relevant reports of the Unit.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 53/207 and 54/236 and decision 54/474, attention is drawn to Secretary-General's bulletin ST/SGB/2000/8, containing the approved Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the status of preparation of documentation for the session (E/AC.51/2005/L.1)

Note by the Secretariat on the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (E/AC.51/2005/L.2)

3. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

In its resolution 54/236, the General Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Committee on the work of its thirty-ninth session (A/54/16) regarding the review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations, namely: (a) that the agenda item entitled "Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations" be retained on the agenda of the General Assembly; and (b) that a progress report on the review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations be submitted biennially to the Assembly through the appropriate intergovernmental bodies.

In its resolution 58/268, the General Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee on the review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations, contained in paragraphs 30 to 36 of its report (A/58/16).

Documentation

Report on the review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations (A/60/__)

4. Programme questions

(a) Programme planning

Priority-setting

In paragraph 27 of its resolution 59/275, the General Assembly endorsed the recommendations of the Committee to continue its consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on priority-setting at its forty-fifth session and recommended that the Assembly defer its consideration of the report to its sixtieth session.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (A/59/87)

(b) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007

In its resolution 58/269, the General Assembly affirmed that the strategic framework to replace the four-year medium-term plan should constitute the principal policy directive of the United Nations and serve as the basis for programme planning, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation; requested the Secretary-General to include in the introduction of the budget fascicles information on the new and/or revised mandates approved by the Assembly subsequent to the adoption of the biennial programme plan; requested the Committee, in performing its programmatic role in the planning and budgeting process, to review the programmatic aspects of the new and/or revised mandates, as well as any differences that arise between the biennial programme plan and the programmatic aspects of the proposed programme budget; and also requested the Committee, in the context of its report on its forty-fifth

session, to provide comments on the various aspects of the review process referred to in the resolution.

At its fifty-ninth session, the General Assembly, in its resolution 59/275, noted that the Committee had recommended at its forty-fourth session that the Assembly review part one, plan outline, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2006-2007; decided, in view of the differences between Member States on the content of part one, to take no decision on it; and requested the Secretary-General to prepare and propose a plan outline, reflecting the longer-term objectives of the Organization, and a biennial programme plan in the context of the strategic framework for the biennium 2008-2009, based on the following principal criteria: (a) the longer-term objectives consistent with all the relevant legislative mandates in all areas of the activities of the United Nations; (b) outcomes of the intergovernmental conferences and summits; (c) inputs from relevant programme managers; and (d) use of intergovernmentally agreed terms and expressions. In that connection, the Assembly invited the Committee to consider at its forty-fifth session additional guidelines, if any, for the preparation of the plan outline.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (A/60/__) (General Assembly resolution 58/269)

(c) Evaluation

(i) Thematic evaluation

In its resolution 59/275, the General Assembly endorsed the recommendations of the Committee (A/59/16, para. 399) that the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) should undertake a thematic evaluation for submission to the Committee at its forty-fifth session and that, noting that all the themes were important and had merit, the Committee had selected the theme: "Linkages between headquarters and field activities: a review of best practices for poverty eradication in the framework of the United Nations Millennium Declaration".

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of OIOS on the thematic evaluation on "Linkages between headquarters and field activities: a review of best practices for poverty eradication in the framework of the United Nations Millennium Declaration" (E/AC.51/2005/2)

(ii) In-depth evaluation

In section III of its resolution 57/282, the General Assembly approved the schedule for an in-depth evaluation of human settlements to be submitted to the Committee at its forty-fifth session.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of OIOS on the in-depth evaluation of human settlements (E/AC.51/2005/3)

(iii) Triennial review

In accordance with section III of General Assembly resolution 57/282, the Committee will undertake at its forty-fifth session a triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee at its forty-second session on the in-depth evaluation of the subprogrammes on General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and Council support and coordination, and legal affairs.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of OIOS on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee at its forty-second session on the evaluation of the subprogrammes on General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and Council support and coordination (E/AC.51/2005/4)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of OIOS on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee at its forty-second session on the evaluation of legal affairs (E/AC.51/2005/5)

5. Coordination questions

(a) Report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination

In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX), the Committee will have before it the annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB) for 2004.

In its resolution 59/275, the General Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee on the work of its forty-fourth session regarding the annual overview report of CEB for 2003 (E/2004/67).

In paragraphs 448 and 449 of its report (A/59/16), the Committee reaffirmed its view that CEB was the principal body for coordination within the United Nations system for ensuring coherent and coordinated system-wide responses to intergovernmental mandates and decisions. The Committee underlined the importance of the effective coordination of system-wide efforts against hunger and recommended that CEB include, in its annual overview report for 2004, information on existing mechanisms in that area and on any further initiatives envisaged.

In paragraph 450 of the same report, the Committee noted the high priority that CEB continued to accord to ensuring effective and coordinated United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD). In that connection, it called for a further strengthening of United Nations system support, by, inter alia, promoting synergies among the thematic clusters, mainstreaming HIV/AIDS, gender and human rights into all cluster activities, enhancing support for the Commission of the African Union and NEPAD and further clarifying the roles and responsibilities of the various agencies operating at the regional and subregional levels in Africa. It welcomed the intention of CEB to undertake an in-depth review of the United Nations system support for African development and NEPAD with a view to strengthening such support.

In paragraph 451, the Committee expressed support for the efforts of CEB to build a system-wide capacity for conflict prevention through comprehensive, multidimensional and country based approaches as well as through enhanced dialogue and improved information sharing among the organizations concerned and encouraged CEB to continue to pursue its efforts in that regard.

At its forty-third session, in paragraphs 578-581 of its report (A/58/16), the Committee requested that future annual overview reports be results-oriented, incorporating, among other things, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and progress made towards their accomplishment; recommended that CEB facilitate the exchange of information on practices in measuring programme performance and results, in measuring productivity in service functions and in collaborating on conference management; and also recommended that CEB play a role in better coordinating the analysis of the problems of the countries invoking Article 50 of the Charter of the United Nations, and the development of new methodologies to identify the damage to affected States and new mechanisms to determine the appropriate compensation for them. In section V of its resolution 57/282, the General Assembly stressed that inter-agency coordination in the field of management should be further strengthened and recommended that progress made in that regard be reflected in future reports of CEB.

Documentation

Annual overview report of CEB for 2004 (E/2005/___)

(b) New Partnership for Africa's Development

In paragraphs 475 and 476 of its report (A/59/16), the Committee recommended that the United Nations system use the existing coordination mechanism at the global, regional and country levels to strengthen policy coherence in support of NEPAD, that United Nations entities deepen further their collaboration and develop the tools necessary to achieve operational coherence and impact of their various programmes in support of NEPAD, and that United Nations entities mobilize sufficient resources to fund activities in support of NEPAD. It also recommended that in order for it to continue monitoring work in progress in support of NEPAD, the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to report to the Committee at its forty-fifth session, on the further future engagement of the United Nations system with NEPAD.

In its resolution 59/275, the General Assembly endorsed the above recommendations.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations system support for NEPAD (E/AC.51/2005/6)

6. Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

Under this item, the Committee will consider the report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit selected by the Committee during its organizational meeting on __ May 2005.

In its resolution 59/267, the General Assembly reaffirmed paragraph 2 of article 11 of the statute of the Unit and requested that the Unit, as a whole, take responsibility

in the exercise of its collective wisdom with regard to all its reports, notes and recommendations, in order to improve the effectiveness of the Unit. The Assembly decided that the Unit should perform its functions and responsibilities strictly in accordance with the provisions of its statute. The Assembly also decided that the programme of work of the Unit should be collectively approved, providing the rationale for choice as well as the relevance of the envisaged outcome to improving management and methods and promoting greater coordination between organizations. The Assembly affirmed that, in the implementation of article 18 of the statute of the Unit, the Chair should be responsible for overseeing the Unit's programme of work, including, in the event of disagreement, the division of assignments; and enforcing the internal working procedures of the Unit to ensure, through collective responsibility, the quality of its report. The Assembly emphasized the need to assess resources management from a system-wide perspective, including the contribution of, and coordination between organizations.

In the same resolution, the General Assembly decided that the Unit should mainly focus on identifying means to improve management and to ensure that optimum use is made of available resources, as stipulated in paragraphs 1 to 3 of article 5 of the Statute, and to that end the Unit would set out management criteria and methods for assessment of management performance and effectiveness relevant to participating organizations. It also decided that the Unit should include in its annual reports, information on implementation and the results achieved by organizations in respect of their follow-up to the recommendations of the Unit as endorsed by their legislative bodies, and the arrangements put in place by participating organizations for reporting thereon.

The General Assembly further decided that the Unit, as part of its focus on management issues, should assess the development and application in participating organizations of the principle of accountability in its relevant reports, and invited the Committee, in performing its programmatic, coordination, monitoring and evaluation functions, as contained in its mandate, to consider relevant reports of the Unit.

Documentation

Report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit

7. Improving the working methods and procedures of the Committee for Programme and Coordination within the framework of its mandate

The Committee has been considering annually the item entitled "Improving the working methods and procedures of the Committee for Programme and Coordination within the framework of its mandate" since its thirty-eighth session. At its forty-fourth session, the Committee considered the item and decided to remain seized of the matter.

In its resolution 59/275, the General Assembly recalled paragraph 18 of its resolution 58/269, in which it had invited the Committee to submit at its forty-fourth session recommendations on improving its working methods. In the same resolution, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to schedule the organizational session of the forty-fifth session of the Committee as soon as possible at the resumed fifty-

ninth session of the Fifth Committee and welcomed the decision of the Committee to revert to the agenda item entitled "Improving the working methods and procedures of the Committee for Programme and Coordination within the framework of its mandate", as a matter of priority, at the beginning of its forty-fifth session.

In resolution 57/282, the General Assembly requested the Committee to continue to observe its methods of governing the drafting and format of its reports and encouraged the Committee to continue its discussions on improving its working methods and procedures within the framework of its mandate, with a view to further enhancing its effectiveness and continued relevance.

In its resolution 59/275, the General Assembly invited the Committee to take appropriate measures to ensure that the discussion sections of the report of the Committee were drafted so as to reflect fully the opinions expressed by delegations.

In paragraph 33 of its resolution 57/300, the General Assembly reaffirmed the roles of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly, the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in the intergovernmental consideration of the planning, programming and budgeting process. It also invited the Committee for Programme and Coordination to continue to improve its working methods.

8. Provisional agenda for the forty-sixth session

Pursuant to paragraph 3 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1894 (LVII), the Committee will have before it the draft provisional agenda for its forty-sixth session, with an indication of the documents to be submitted under each agenda item and the legislative authority for their preparation, in order to enable the Committee to consider those documents from the point of view of their contribution to the work of the Committee, their urgency and their relevance in the light of the current situation.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-sixth session of the Committee (E/AC.51/2005/L.3)

9. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its forty-fifth session

The report of the Committee on its forty-fifth session will be submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2005 and to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session.

Documentation

Draft report of the Committee on the work of its forty-fifth session (E/AC.51/2005/L. 4 and addenda)

Annex

Members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for 2005

	Term expires on 31 December
Algeria	2007
Argentina	2005
Armenia	2005
Bahamas	2006
Benin	2005
Brazil	2005
Canada	2005
Central African Republic	2005
China	2007
Comoros	2006
Cuba	2005
France	2006
Gabon	2005
Germany	2005
Ghana	2007
India	2005
Indonesia	2005
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2005
Jamaica	2007
Japan	2007
Kenya	2007
Mexico	2006
Monaco	2005
Nicaragua	2005
Pakistan	2005
Republic of Korea	2007
Republic of Moldova	2005
Russian Federation	2006
South Africa	2005

Switzerland	2005
Ukraine	2005
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2005
United States of America	2006
Zimbabwe	2006